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Today, it is with excitement that I introduce NEBP’s Fall 2024 catalog. The following page reminds you of the purpose, vision, and mission of NEBP. You will see books available from both of NEBP’s two divisions. The trade book division focuses on publishing books written for the biblically conservative pastor and layman. The academic division (NEBP Academic) is designed specifically with the pastor/scholar, professor, college student, and seminary student in mind. The Fall 2024 Catalog not only contains books from both divisions, but also describes some featured works, as well as announcements concerning series of books coming in the future. In the final pages of the catalog, you will be introduced to our publishing leadership team and discover information about submitting manuscripts, as well as requesting review and exam copies of our published works.

At NEBP, we look forward to continuing to earn your personal trust and become your publisher of choice. Enjoy browsing through our Fall 2024 Catalog!

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In Him,

Mark H. Ballard, PhD
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OUR PURPOSE

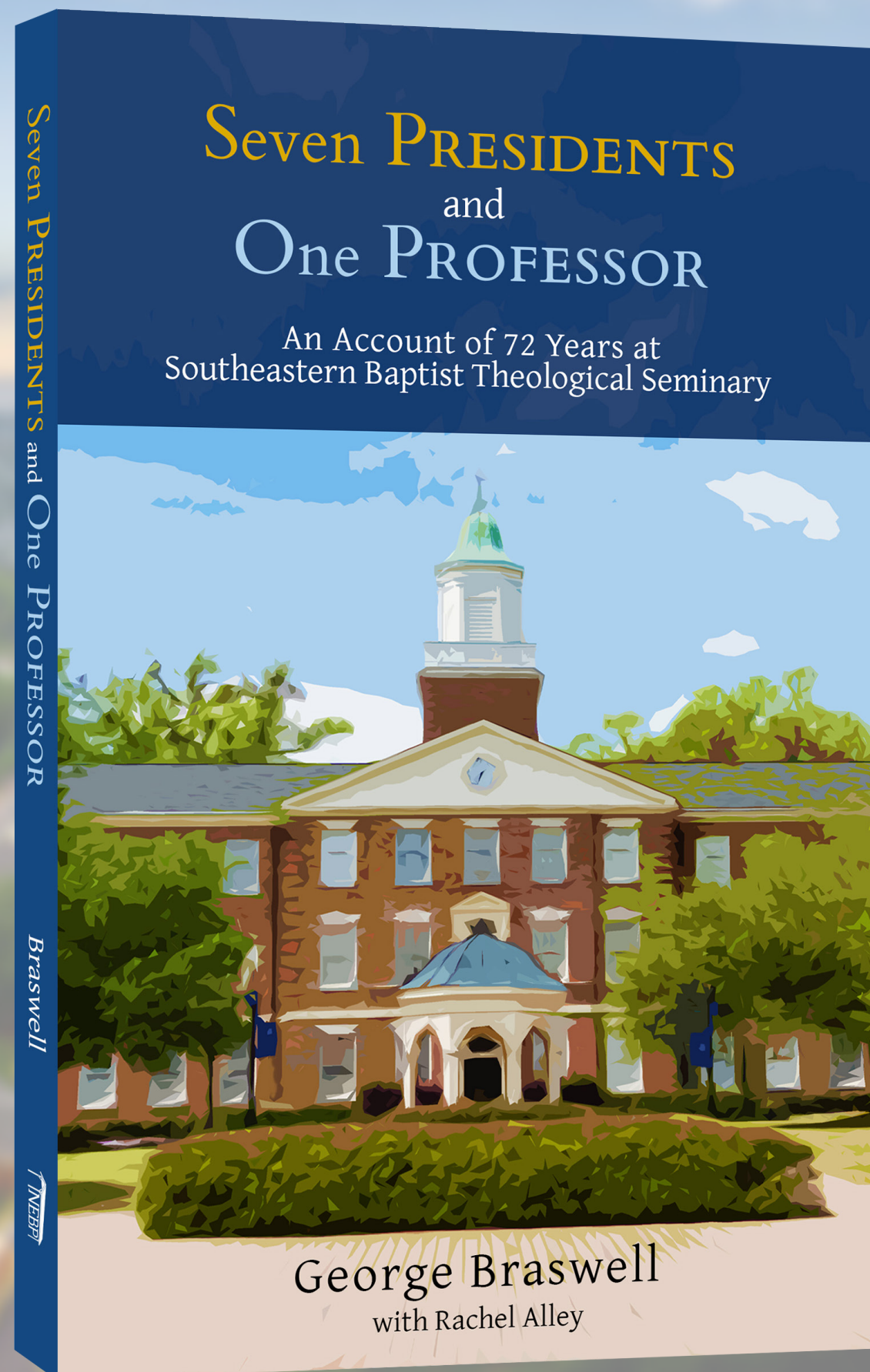
Northeastern Baptist Press exists to publish Christian books from a biblical perspective that are consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, with an unwavering commitment to the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Bible. We seek to inform, inspire, and encourage people to follow Jesus Christ through the publication of both trade and academic books.

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OUR MISSION

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SEVEN PRESIDENTS AND ONE PROFESSOR

An Account of 72 Years at
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

George Braswell
with Rachel Alley

Mention the name George Braswell, and any person who has been involved actively in Southern Baptist life over the last 50 years will immediately recognize him to be one of the foremost global scholars in Islam, World Religions, & Middle East studies. He became Distinguished Professor of Missions & World Religions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a role where he served for 30 years. Here is a veteran missionary and educator who has distinguished himself brilliantly throughout his life. He is one of a very few people who has had close relationships with all seven of the presidents of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In *Seven Presidents and One Professor*, he has presented to us a first-hand look at the founding and development of one of the finest seminaries in the world. His gentle, yet thorough, method captivates and reveals the birth and growth of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He carefully leads us in the maturity of the seminary through his relationship with the seven presidents. George Braswell writes in a clear, often folksy, and always honest way. You will be blessed, enlightened and captivated by his journey at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- DR. JIMMY DRAPER

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BAPTIST

Seven Distinctives
Michael W. McDill

Despite (or perhaps because of) the deluge of new church groups after the Reformation, the question of how to define the church still lingers and causes confusion for those who claim the name Christian. Although Protestants seized upon a new theology of salvation founded upon faith, they failed to clarify or debunk the idea that salvation is received through the church and infant baptism. The question arises: are these biblical ideas?

Baptists, on the other hand, have always believed that one must be saved to be in the church. Believer's baptism is the baptizing of those who have made a conscious decision to follow Christ and have received salvation. Baptism is thus the public and symbolic expression of having already accepted redemption, reconciliation, and rebirth by faith in the promise of God accomplished by Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Baptists name this arrangement a believers' church or a regenerate church.

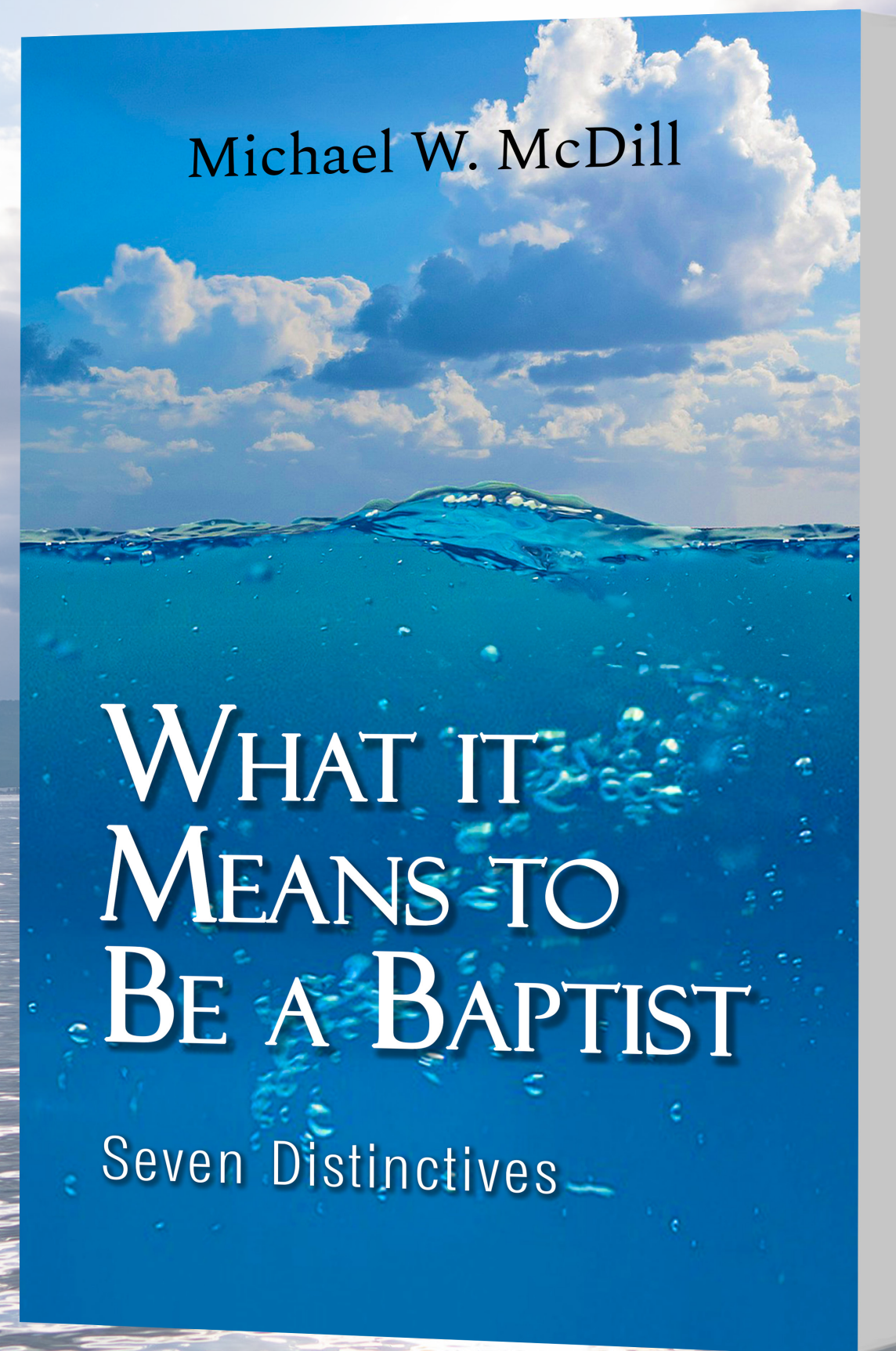
The aim of this book is to outline several distinctive Baptist beliefs. How are they unique? How can they be distinguished from other Christian denominations? The book will explore seven crucial principles that make Baptists distinct: biblical authority, believer's baptism, a believers' church, congregational rule, co-operation for missions, the priesthood of every believer, and religious liberty.

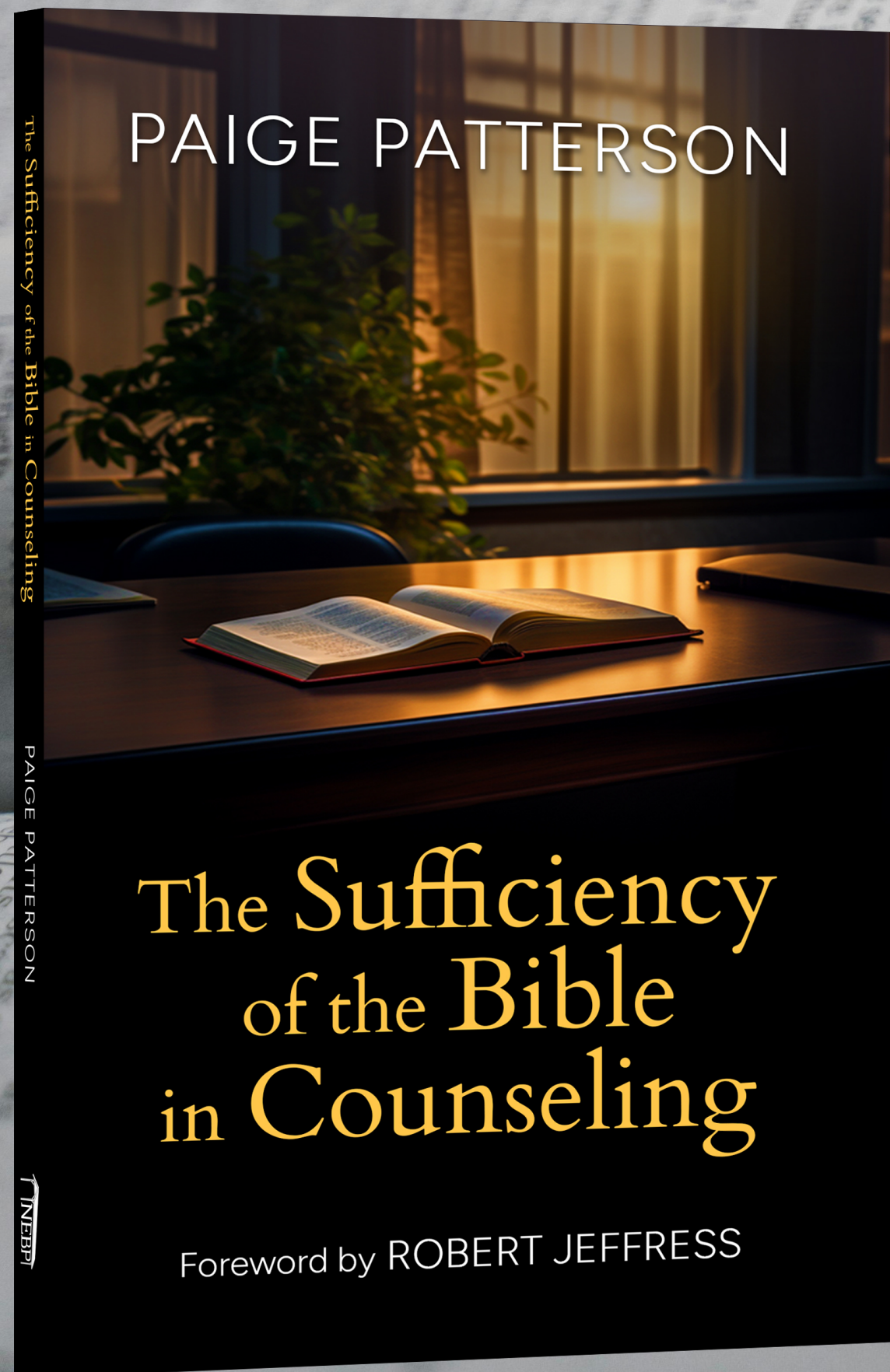
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THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BIBLE IN COUNSELING

Paige Patterson

Is it possible for today's pastor to provide competent counseling to the members of his flock? Should counseling be left to psychologists, psychotherapists, and secular counselors? What should be the primary source of information for the pastor who attempts to counsel? Should the Bible be used in the counseling room? These questions and more are answered by Dr. Paige Patterson in this book. God's Word is sufficient! Pastors must reclaim their role of offering Biblical Counsel to the members of their flock. Every pastor should read this volume. Every believer should read this book as well. Now is the time for the church to recapture its role of Biblical Counseling.

This excellent volume should be required reading for all who would be pastors or engaged in Christian counseling. It is fair in its assessment of modern day psychology, and on target in its directives toward a biblical approach to counseling.

- **DR. JERRY VINES**

Two-time President, Southern Baptist Convention

Every minister is a minister of the Word of God. Whether delivered to the congregation, or to an individual in counseling, the message delivered is a message from God! Thank you Paige Patterson for reminding us again of the centrality of the Word of God in the counseling ministry of the church.

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VICTOR OR VICTIM

George Sweet

Through the pages of Scripture to the news reports of today, common headlines shout for our attention. Leaders play the “blame game” instead of solving problems; a hero falls from grace; an underdog saves the day; a woman overcomes tragedy and finds hope; a pastor overcomes threats through faith in God; a man loses everything in life, except his faith; and so on. Everyone has a choice in life to play either the part of a victor or a victim. Choose to be a victor!

“I had the honor of studying under Dr. Sweet during my time at Northeastern Baptist College. He is a man with a deep heart and high calling for helping lost and hurting people. More than that, he wants to help those people find the healing they need at the only place they truly can: the throne of the Father. In *Victor or Victim*, Dr. Sweet draws from his decades of counseling experience and deep biblical knowledge, highlighting stories from the Scripture of figures who faced crises and were given a choice: to overcome their struggles as victors, or succumb to them and live as victims. We all have the same choice when life goes wrong, and in this book, Dr. Sweet shows how we can make the right decisions and avoid easy failure, and live as the victors God wants us to be.”

- LEASON STILES

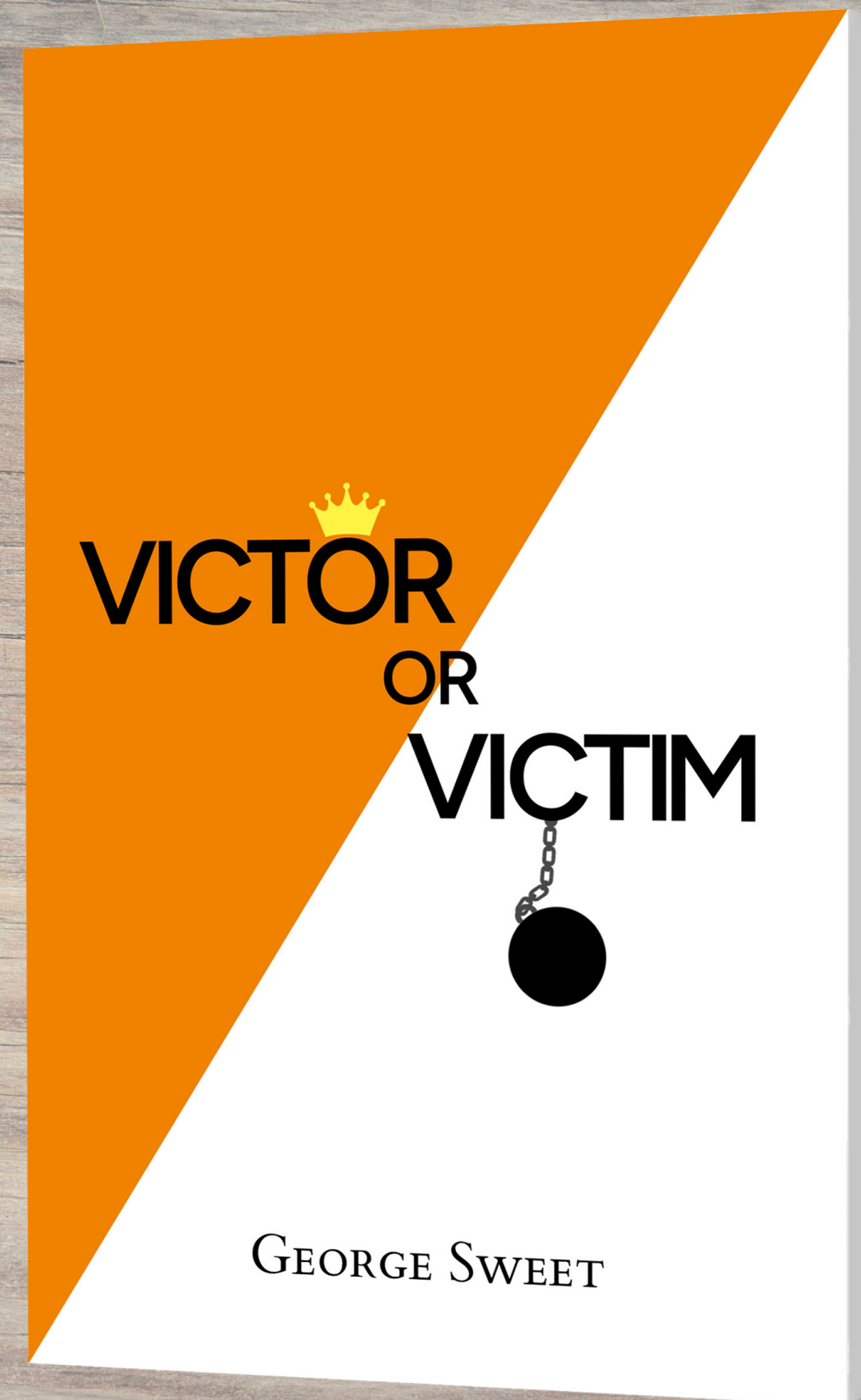
*B.S. in Christian Counseling, Northeastern Baptist College
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MAP TO MATURITY

A Believer's Guide to Growing
Towards Christian Maturity

Mark H. Ballard

The movement to Christian maturity does not happen overnight. Many a preacher and teacher of God's Word has noted that the race to Christian maturity is not a sprint, but a marathon. *Map to Maturity* sees Christian maturity through another analogy altogether. Rather than viewing Christian maturity as a race, the emphasis here is that the path to Christian maturity is a journey. It is a journey that begins the moment one turns to Jesus in faith and continues until the believer leaves this earth. This book serves as a map to guide the believer toward growth in Christian maturity.

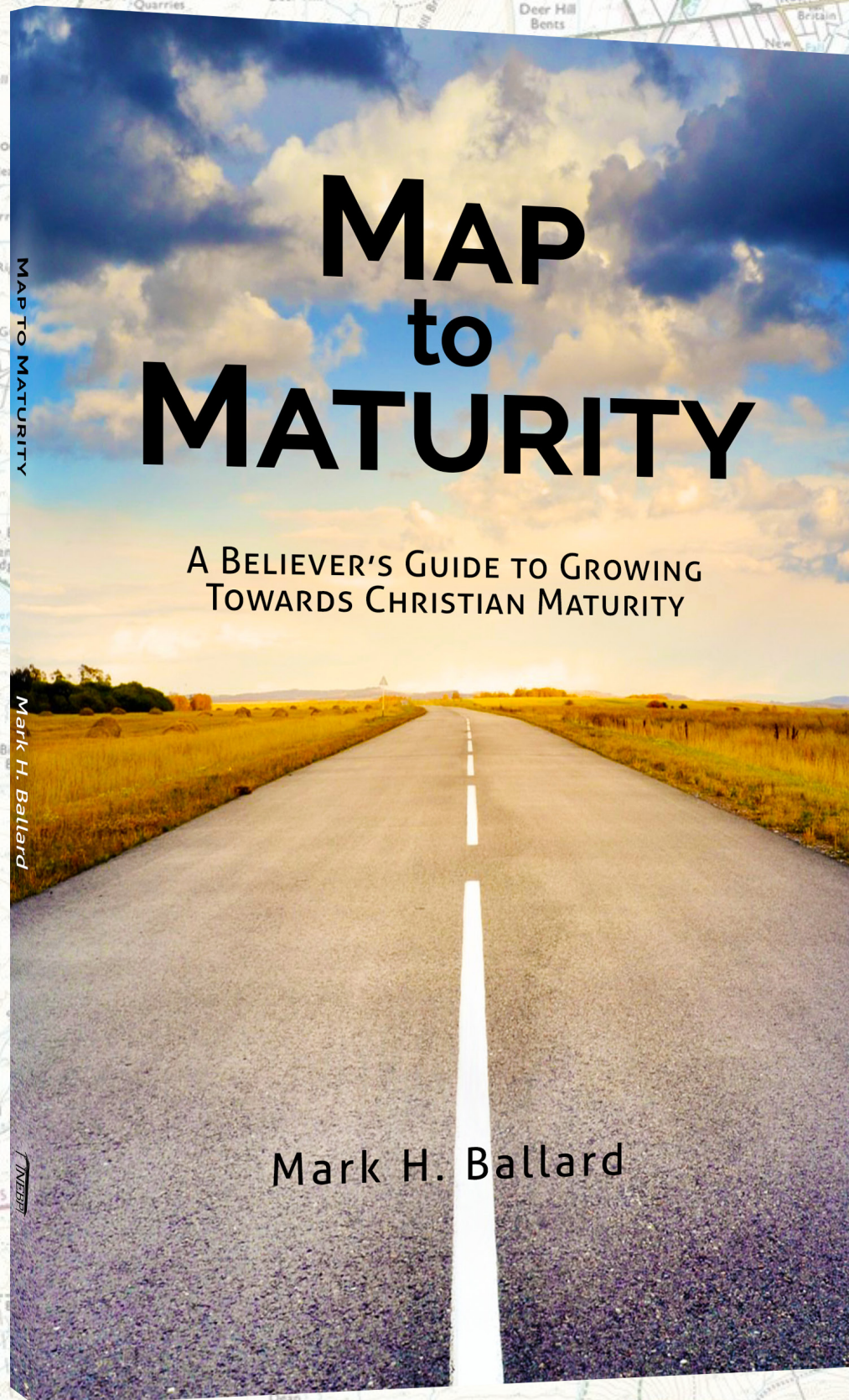
If you are a new believer, this book is for you! You can pick it up today, read the introduction, and start on the journey to maturity. If you have been a believer for many years, this book is for you! Part of growing to maturity is to help others get on the right road and to help others on the road to move forward toward maturity themselves. This book is designed to help you guide other believers. If you are a pastor, this book is for you! It is a tool that you can use to help new believers grow. You can use this same tool to help long-time believers in your church begin to mentor younger believers in one-on-one relationships or through your small group ministries.

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THE BEST INTENTIONS

How a Plan to Revitalize the SBC
Accelerated Its Decline

Charles S. Kelley Jr.

In *The Best Intentions*, Dr. Chuck Kelley offers to Southern Baptists a 10-year assessment of the Great Commission Resurgence (GCR), a landmark event in recent SBC history. The book identifies the GCR as one of the most transforming proposals ever approved by the SBC, for better or for worse. The reader can evaluate whether or not Kelley's assessment is true to his research or even necessary, and whether or not his conclusions and red flag warnings merit attention.

Those of us who know and respect Dr. Chuck Kelley are not surprised by his latest book. Both irenic and thorough, it gives an eye opening and hopeful account of the current state of The Southern Baptist Convention. Whether one agrees with his conclusions or not, all will be helped by his excellent analyses.

- **JERRY VINES**

Two-time President, Southern Baptist Convention

With the knowledge of an investigative reporter on 60 Minutes, Dr. Charles Kelley does his homework on the decline of baptisms and giving in the SBC the past twenty years. We would encourage all Southern Baptists to read this book, be convicted by the declining reports in this book, repent of our "Best Intentions", and ask God to once again send revival through the Southern Baptist Convention.

- **FRED LUTER**

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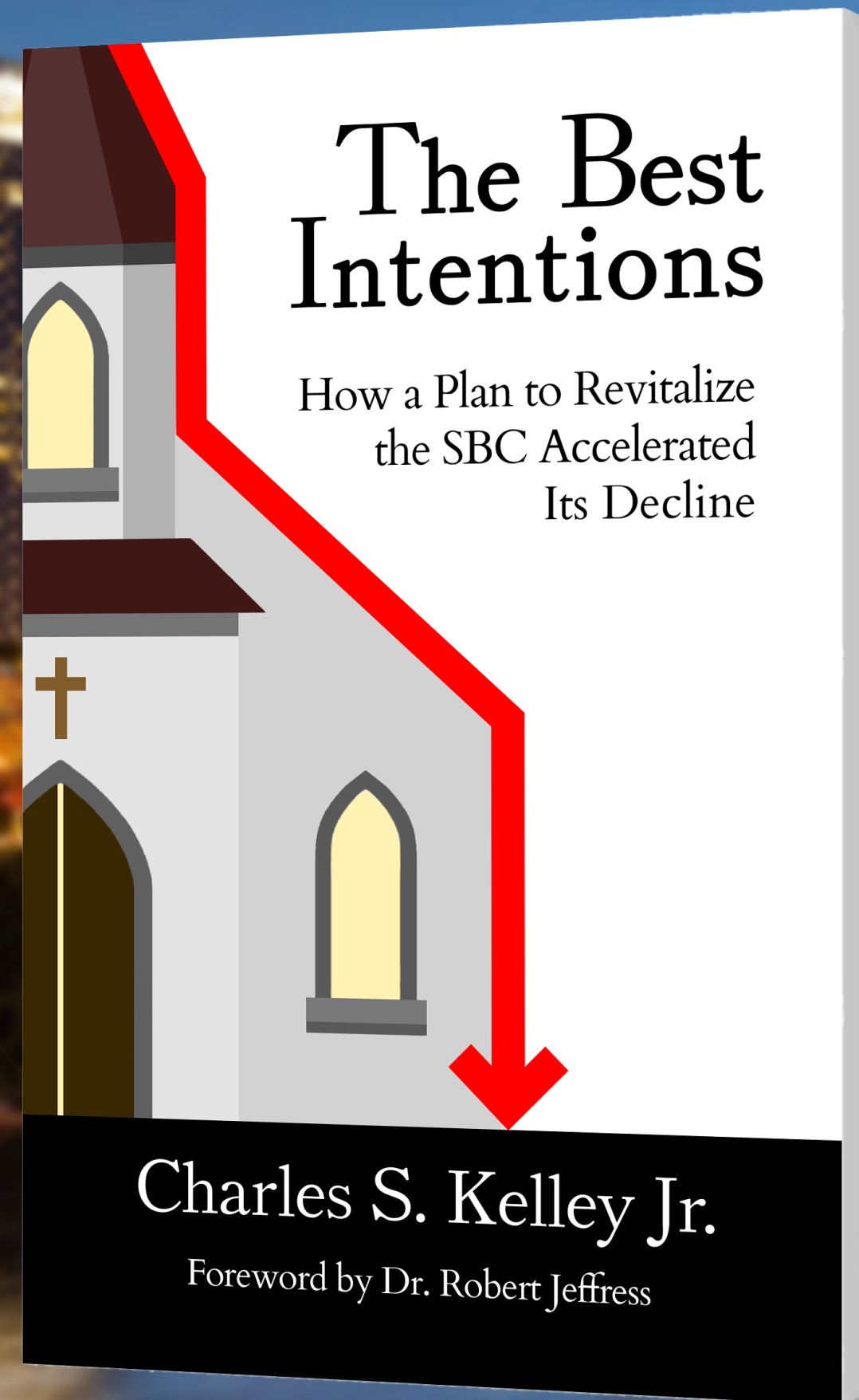
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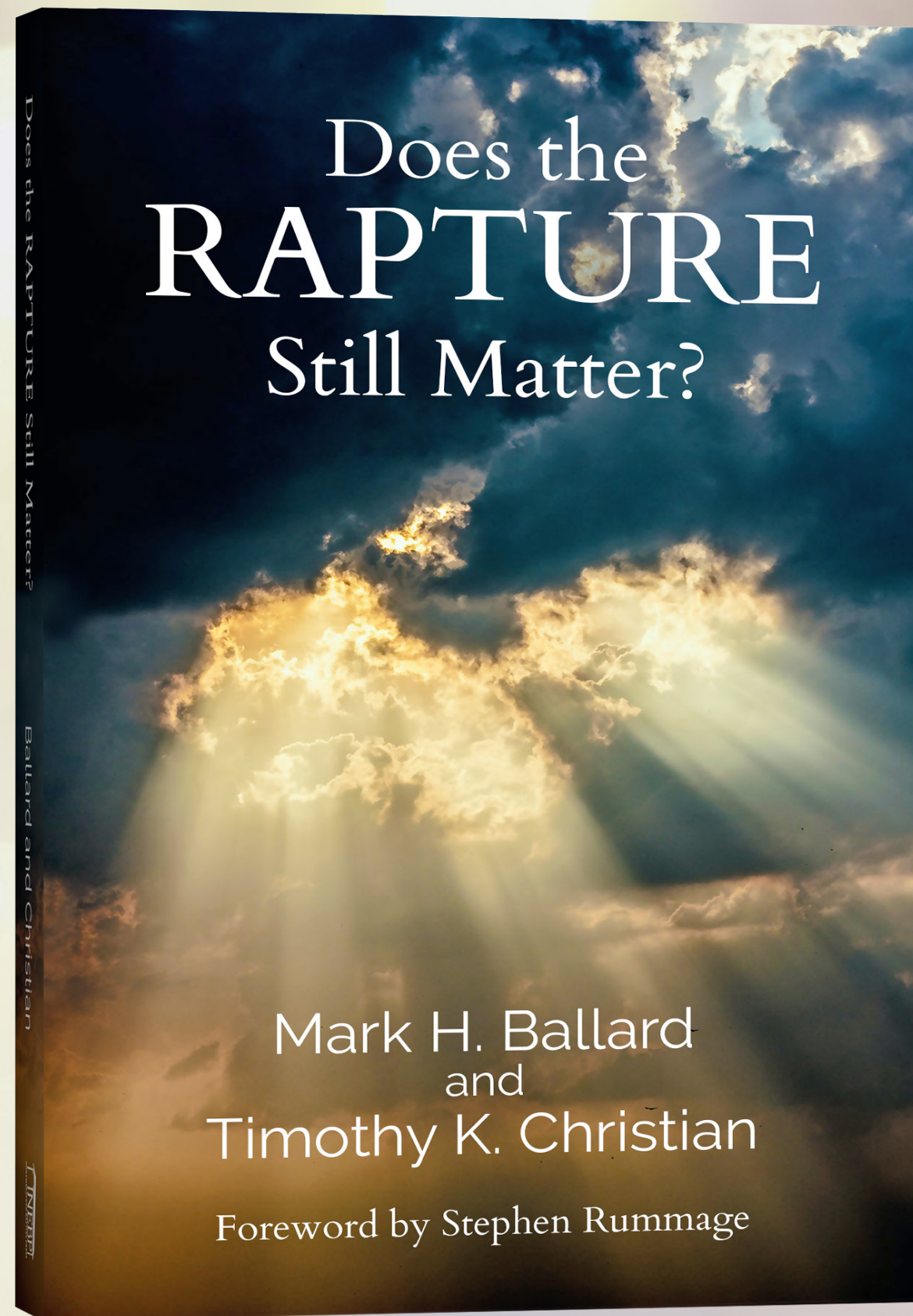
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DOES THE RAPTURE STILL MATTER?

Mark H. Ballard and Timothy K. Christian

When did you last hear a sermon about the Rapture or the End Times? Does it matter? Pastor, when did you last preach about the Rapture or the End Times? If it has been months or even years, does it really matter? If a concordance search does not reveal a verse mentioning the "Rapture," does the Bible actually teach the doctrine? What is the Rapture? How is it defined? Can you name and explain the 3 main passages that teach the Rapture? When will the Rapture happen? If the Rapture happens today, how can you be sure you will not be left behind? For answers to these and many more important questions, read the inspiring, encouraging, and comforting book, *Does the Rapture Still Matter?*

Nothing excites believers like the hope found in Bible prophecy. Yet, too many refuse to study it because books are confusing and hard to understand. Drs. Mark Ballard and Tim Christian, however, have written this easy to understand book that will refresh your spirit, encourage your heart, and have you listening for a shout!

- **PHIL WALDREP**

Phil Waldrep Ministries, Decatur, AL

Drs. Mark Ballard and Tim Christian, in their work *Does the Rapture Still Matter?*, bridge the scholarly and the popular. Drs. Ballard and Christian are to be commended for writing a work that is well researched yet easy to read. Also, given the dearth of serious works on the topic of the Rapture in the last 25 years, I appreciate their effort to bring to our attention afresh why the Rapture still matters.

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WISDOM STILL SHOUTS

A Call for the Pastor's Use of
Wisdom Literature in Discipleship

Scott Corbin

A pastor's job is hard! Preaching, teaching, administrating, and program planning. Then add in the biblical expectation that he leads in discipling church members, counseling couples in advance of marriage, and responding to crisis situations. And he must take care of his own children and wife! In the Bible, God provided plenty of guidance for that task, not only in the New Testament but also in the biblical wisdom literature. The book you're holding exists to encourage and guide pastors and disciplers in using this indispensable biblical material in their church's ministry.

From the Foreword:

We are living at a time in Church history where the Old Testament has been undervalued, unappreciated and even by some "unhitched" from the modern church. Fortunately, Scott's book challenges the current trends and recognizes the healthy value of the OT. He appreciates that it still speaks to the Church in our present day and culture. Far from "unhitching" the OT from the pulpit, Scott offers a clarion call for pastors to embrace its wisdom anew.

This book is much like Lady Wisdom in Proverbs—it shouts to all who want to make disciples or simply to be better disciples, to heed her call to be wise. Like Lady Wisdom, Scott's book "shouts" over the many voices and noisy internet opinions that suggest the OT is obsolete, irrelevant and an embarrassment to the church. This book is the wise voice that should be heeded if one wants to make disciples who understand and navigate life well based on the whole counsel of our God and our savior.

- MARK MCGINNISS

Former Assistant Dean and Professor of Baptist History, Clarks Summit University

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A CALL FOR THE PASTOR'S USE
OF WISDOM LITERATURE
IN DISCIPLESHIP

SCOTT CORBIN

Forward by Mark McGinniss

INTRODUCING KOINE GREEK

A Grammar & Workbook

Jared M. August

Introducing Koine Greek: A Grammar and Workbook is a practical, understandable, and accessible resource for learning the language of the New Testament. This volume is intentionally designed to assist the student in learning Koine Greek without becoming overwhelmed. Each of the twenty-nine chapters are written concisely and structured logically. Every translation activity and grammatical exercise is aimed to build confidence and assurance in the student's ability to read, understand, and translate the various texts of the New Testament.

"*Introducing Koine Greek* by Jared August is the only work on the market written primarily for college undergraduates. It is, by design, understandable, practical, and accessible. August's goal is to provide the student only what he/she needs to know to learn the language. Here is a concise but complete first year grammar organized for maximum efficiency and effect."

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Christianity and American Culture Today

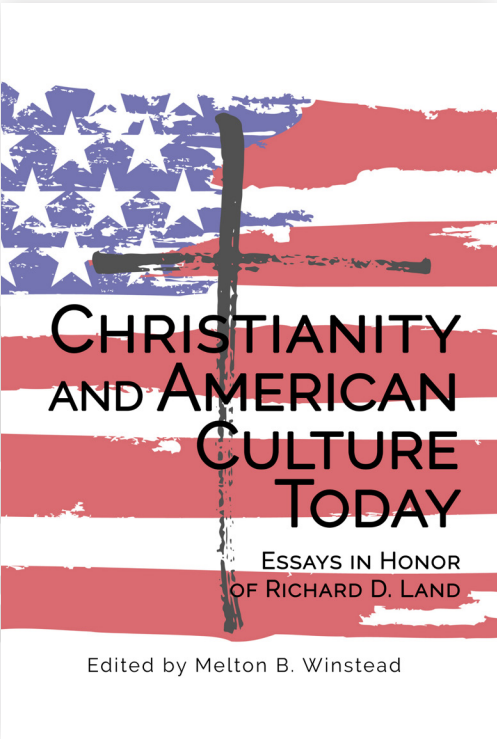
Essays in Honor of Richard D. Land

Edited by Melton B. Winstead

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Christianity and the Bible are still relevant to American culture. As you read this book, you will, by default, see the relevance of God’s word to our current culture. In so doing, you will see the clash, discern the disparities, and engage the solutions for culture provided by Christianity. The book will force you to realize that we must be beacons of light, truth, and hope in a culture of relativistic slop. The chapters are filled with timely words by prominent Christian leaders and cover topics including human sexuality, Christians’ role in politics, morality, Biblical social justice, and much more.

Melton B. Winstead, PhD serves as Professor of New Testament and Dean of Students at Southern Evangelical Seminary & Bible College.



Does it Still Matter?

Essays in Honor of the Conservative Resurgence

Edited by Mark H. Ballard and Timothy K. Christian

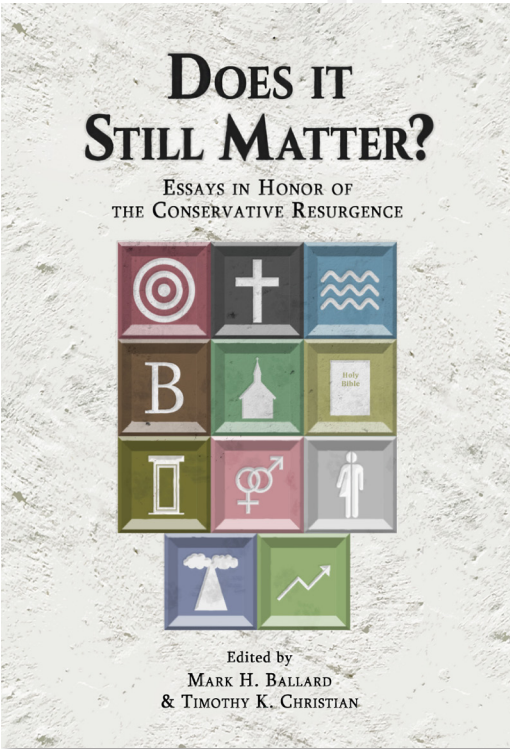
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As the title implies, this volume asks: *Does it Still Matter?* Each chapter is an essay in honor of the Conservative Resurgence (1979-2000) and asks a specific question regarding issues that united Southern Baptists at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Topics such as inerrancy, baptism, expository preaching, biblical hermeneutics, gender, and the Conservative Resurgence itself are explored by leaders and scholars from across the Southern Baptist Convention.

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NEBP TITLES FROM BETH MADISON

Well Grounded

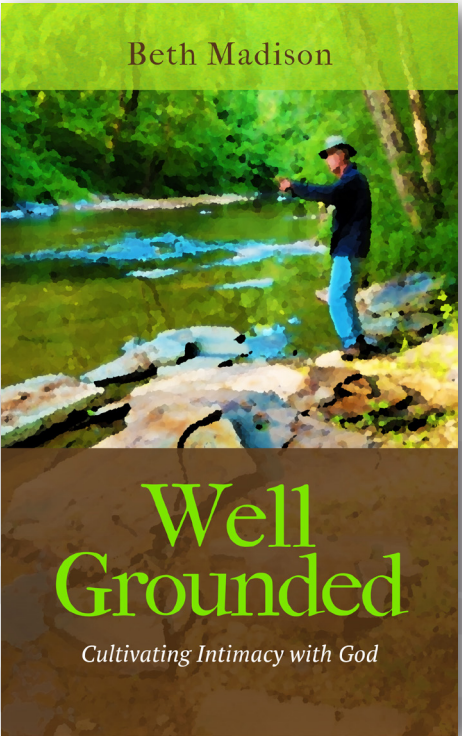
Cultivating Intimacy with God

Beth Madison

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Well-Grounded: Cultivating Intimacy with God uses questions about Genesis chapters 1-3 as framed in basic agricultural principles and selected spiritual disciplines for the purpose of developing a greater intimacy with Creator God by highlighting time spent in Scripture and nature. These questions have the sole intent of increasing the reader’s appetite for knowing God deeper in his everyday life through seeing more of God’s goodness in Scripture and the natural world around him. *Well-Grounded* occupies its own niche where the ideas of plant and soil science, Eden, and the spiritual disciplines abide in a symbiotic relationship leading one to a deeper and daily intimacy with our Good God.

Beth Madison, PhD serves as a soil scientist and professor at Union University, Jackson, TN. She is also a prolific blogger, Bible teacher, and women’s conference speaker.



Good Ground

Volumes I and II

Beth Madison

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978-1-953331-21-2 | 148 pp. (Volume 2)

In both volumes of *Good Ground*, Dr. Beth Madison examines the Christian life through a unique lens. Just as Jesus’ parables used agriculture to communicate spiritual truth, Beth uses soil science to celebrate God’s amazing creation and encourage a healthy, growing walk with Jesus. *Good Ground* volumes 1 and 2 will enhance your daily devotions and small group studies.

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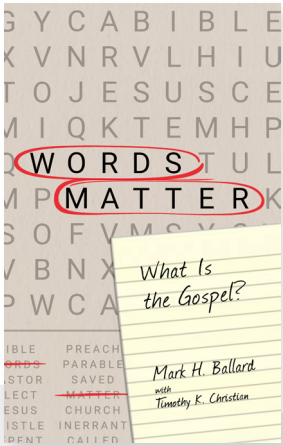
Scripture’s Story

A Unifying Hope

Jared M. August, Mark McGinniss, Kenneth M. Gardoski,
& Wayne T. Slusser

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At the heart of God’s story is the hope that all things lost to man will one day be made new. The Bible presents a single narrative that begins in Genesis and ends in Revelation. Although the sixty-six books that make up the Bible are undoubtedly diverse, they all testify in unique ways to the working out of God’s redemptive plan. *Scripture’s Story* proposes that every book of the Bible testifies of the coming day when God’s promised Offspring will destroy evil, restore creation, and dwell with his people forever. It is this unifying hope that forms the basis of the faith of all believers throughout the ages.



Words Matter

What Is the Gospel?

Mark H. Ballard with Timothy K. Christian

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Words matter. How we use them and define them determines how we understand the world and how others understand us. In *Words Matter: What Is the Gospel?* Drs. Mark H. Ballard and Timothy K. Christian explore how our personal definition of the word “Gospel” fundamentally affects our view of the world, our lives, and our standing with God.

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A Daily Greek Devotional

365 Reflections on the Greek New Testament

Edited by Jared M. August

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Two of the greatest needs for students of the Greek New Testament are motivation and daily practice. To build and maintain reading proficiency, students must see the practical difference made by knowing the language as they cultivate the habit of daily reading. *A Daily Greek Devotional* is a collection of 365 devotions on the Greek New Testament designed to inspire the heart and encourage the mind. With contributions from thirty-seven New Testament professors and pastors, this book aims to develop one’s ability to read the Greek New Testament with fluency and devotion.

Jared M. August, PhD serves as Associate Professor of Bible at Word of Life Bible Institute, NY.



Priorities

Reaching the Life God Intended

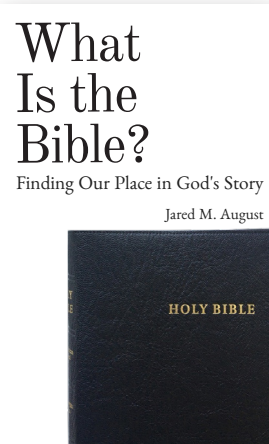
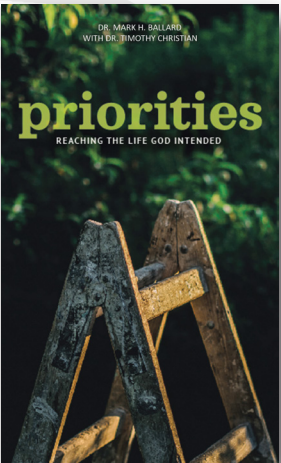
Mark H. Ballard with Timothy K. Christian

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Priorities: Reaching the life God Intended is written to help you discover and accomplish your God-given priorities. In its pages, you will learn a simple process drawn from Ballard’s practical expositions of Haggai. This process will guide you to use rather than lose your time. Priorities will help you invest your talents and treasures wisely and effectively.

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What Is the Bible?

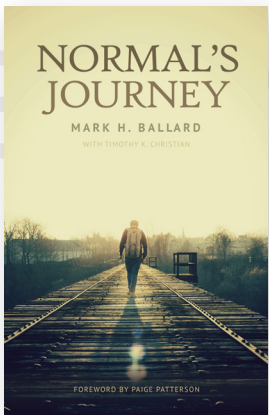
Finding Our Place in God’s Story

Jared M. August

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By tracing the organic growth of Scripture’s future-oriented expectation, *What Is the Bible?* presents the central hope of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. By painting the story of Scripture in broad brush strokes, this book enables the reader to better understand how the details fit into the big picture. What Is the Bible? presents the exhilarating reality that for those who are believers in Jesus Christ, our lives are woven into the very fabric of God’s story.

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Normal’s Journey

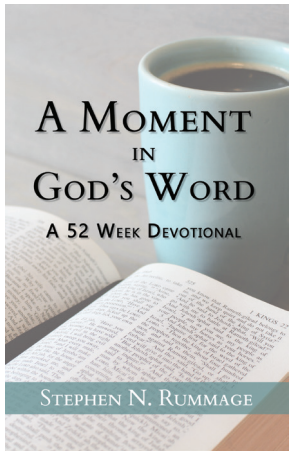
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Normal’s Journey is a fascinating and compelling description of one man’s search for satisfaction and fulfilment. Through his search, he discovers that the dissatisfaction that overwhelmed his life is rooted in his lack of intimacy with his Lord Jesus Christ. His journey—*Normal’s Journey*—is our own story, of seeking the full life found only in Christ.

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A Moment in God’s Word

A 52-Week Devotional

Stephen N. Rummage

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In *A Moment in God’s Word: A 52-Week Devotional*, Dr. Stephen Rummage brings clear, concise, and consistent encouragement to continually move forward in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Each day the reader will be encouraged in their walk with Jesus, as Dr. Rummage communicates a passage of Scripture, illustrates a biblical truth, and practically applies God’s Word to real life. Each devotional concludes with a prayer based on the day’s text. *A Moment in God’s Word* will no doubt prove encouraging and transforming in the reader’s daily life.

Stephen N. Rummage, PhD serves as Senior Pastor at Quail Springs Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and is the founder of *Moving Forward* radio ministry.

A Handbook for Ministers’ Wives

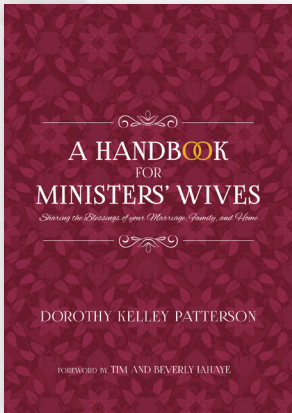
Sharing the Blessings of your Marriage, Family, and Home

Dorothy Kelley Patterson

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A Handbook for Ministers’ Wives speaks definitively to the partnership ministry to which a minister’s wife is called in home, church, and civic arenas. Dorothy Kelley Patterson will prepare and equip women to be partners in kingdom service and motivate them to do their best in a very challenging but rewarding role.

Dorothy Kelley Patterson, ThD, DMin has served as professor of theology in women’s studies for almost four decades in three institutions. With graduate and postgraduate degrees in theology, Dr. Patterson teaches, speaks, and writes for women.



Healing Your Hidden Hurts

Stephen N. Rummage

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Hidden hurts are often the most serious, most painful, and most lingering problems in our lives. These are very real spiritual scars we try to forget or ignore, damaged emotions we pretend are okay, inner consequences of past sins we try to keep secret or concealed. But, just like a broken bone that causes pain and swelling beneath the skin, or, worse yet, like a hidden, cancerous tumor that grows and metastasizes, hidden hurts can cause deep damage to every part of our lives.

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The foundations of American society seem to be shifting radically. While this reality is concerning, an even greater concern is the shifting doctrines of churches across the United States. Many of the core doctrines of our faith are being challenged, redefined, and in some cases outright exchanged for worldly philosophies. Pastors are regularly confronted with questions from their church members, asking what is going on, what can or should be done about it, and does it really matter?

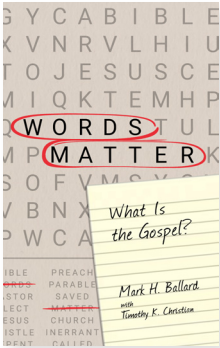
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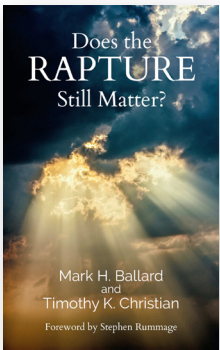


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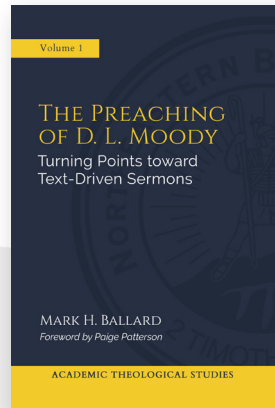
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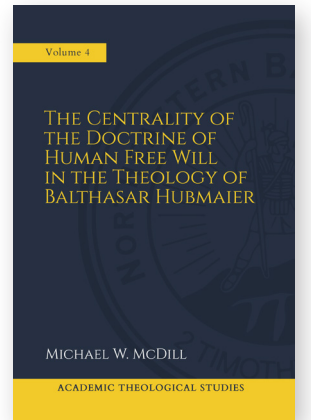
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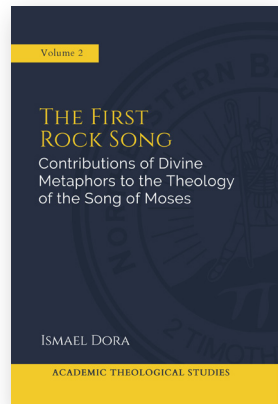
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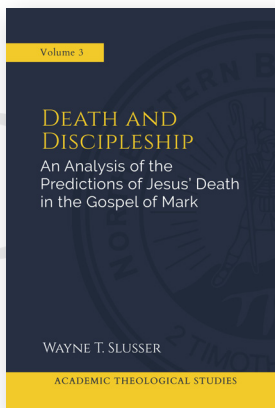
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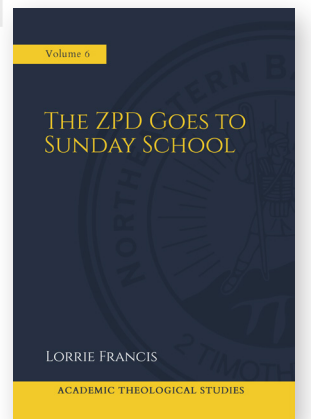
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